

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens; and

Whereas, the members now pause to recognize Ted Korte, who was instrumental in the founding and one of the founding members of the Bowling Green Rural Fire Department Board, who tendered his resignation from that Board on February 5, 2008; and

Whereas, having served since the Board's inception in 1953, Ted Korte dedicated fifty-five years to the work of the Board, and at almost ninety-one years of age, he is the only surviving member of the original Board; and

Whereas, well known his diligence and well respected for his years of experience in the Board's operation, Ted Korte's position on the Board will be filled by his son, Jerome, who will provide stability and continuity, ensuring the best service; and

Whereas, Ted Korte served as President of the Board until just a few years ago, when he assumed the position of vice-president, a position he held until his resignation; and

Whereas, one of seven children, Ted Korte began working at an early age, and he has never stopped; and

Whereas, the Department started like most others, with nothing, and Ted Korte is very proud to see what the rural fire department has become, a first-rate Department with impressive equipment and personnel to serve rural Bowling Green residents well; and

Whereas, over the years Ted Korte and the Board took their financial responsibilities very seriously, and because the Department is required to respond to member and non-member calls without discrimination, the Department had success recuperating funds from non-member calls; and

Whereas, in addition to dedicating years of service to the Rural Fire Department Board, Ted Korte farmed and sold real estate, and he and his wife, Loretta, raised four children--three sons and one daughter, and over the years the couple has owned multiple motor homes and taken many trips across the country:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our most sincere gratitude to Ted Korte on the occasion of his resignation from the Bowling Green Rural Fire Department Board, with our best wishes for every success and happiness in the future; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Ted Korte, as a measure of esteem.

Offered by _____
Representative Terry L. Witte
District No. 10

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. ____, adopted ____, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker